

SERVICE BOARD'S COST \$3,956,400 IN THREE YEARS

Mostly Spent for Plans Made
"Waste Paper" if Four-
borough Offer Wins.

CITY BEARS BURDEN.

Actual Construction Done Is
Upon Work of Former
R. T. Commission.

The Public Service Commission of the First District, organized to provide adequate transit facilities exclusively for the public of New York city and to supervise the existing transit corporations, has expended \$3,956,400 for its own maintenance since July 1, 1907.

For more than three years the commission has been at work upon plans and specifications for an independent subway system which finally crystallized in a paper in the so-called triborough system—a network of tubes sufficiently large to admit the standard steam railroad car.

Work on Old Board's Plans Only.

While the commission has held countless hearings on various subjects, its chief labors were in connection with making a way for the triborough. As both the Centre street subway loop, connecting the East River bridges in Manhattan and the Fourth avenue subway in Brooklyn were laid out by the old Rapid Transit Commission, the Public Service Commission insisted that its own existence would be fully justified when a grateful public was riding in the new triborough. The present subway was planned and built by the old Rapid Transit Commission.

Bids were opened for the triborough last October. Then came a series of delays, culminating in the sweeping fourborough proposition for a 5-cent fare all over the greater city from the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, operating the present subway.

"We cannot see your triborough plans and specifications," the Interborough announced to the commission. "We have plans and specifications for a subway with a bore about the size of the present subway, sufficiently large to admit our cars, but not large enough to admit the standard size railroad car. Very sorry, Mr. Commission, but you have labored in vain."

Commissioner Eustis Contrasts Interborough and McAdoo Methods

Here is what Public Service Commissioner John E. Eustis thinks of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company:

"They are running the present subway for the almighty dollar alone. They starve the service at hours in the day when there is no necessity for straphangers."

"Their policy is to get along with as few trains as possible, carrying as many straphangers as possible."

"They don't care for the public."

"They begin their cheese paring just as soon as they think they are not watched."

"Experience has shown us small dependence is to be placed in any promise they may make or any explanation they may offer."

"Whatever concessions we have wrung from them were either obtained at the very last moment or under compulsion."

"They never have met the Commission half way."

"Their attitude is always found among people who think they own or control the whole situation."

Here is what Mr. Eustis says about Mr. McAdoo:

"He does not haggle."

"He tries to please the public."

"One great reason why McAdoo is so popular and the Interborough is so unpopular is the manner in which they treat the public."

Your plans and specifications are so much waste paper."

The portion of the cost of maintaining the commission borne by the State represents the salaries of its executive officers. Each of the five commissioners has been paid \$15,000 a year salary, which totals \$75,000 a year. The secretary of the commission receives \$6,000 a year and the counsel for the commission \$10,000, which makes up the total of \$91,000 yearly paid to the State. All the remainder of the expense of the commission, including clerks, engineers, lawyers and rent, is borne by the city of New York.

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Here is what the Public Service Commission has cost the people:

1907, July 1 to Dec. 31,	
City	\$292,000
State	45,000
Total	\$337,000
1908,	
City	\$1,971,000
State	31,000
Total	1,992,000
1909,	
City	\$1,066,500
State	91,000
Total	1,157,500
1910, to Dec. 1,	
City	\$1,116,000
State	83,400
Total	1,199,400
Total	\$3,956,400

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CHILDREN'S COATS—of fine quality white bearskin, with heavy quilted
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